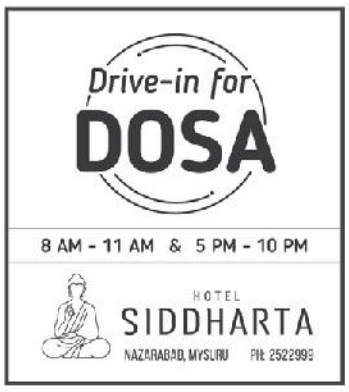

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Faking accidents and extorting money

Mysuru man arrested in Bengaluru after bail

- **First arrest in Mysuru on Sept. 12, 2023; secures bail the very next day**
- **Eight cases against him — 3 in Mysuru, 2 in Mandya and 3 in Bengaluru**

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (RK&BCT)- A habitual offender from Mysuru, notorious for faking accidents and extorting money from unsuspecting victims, was arrested by Jayanagar Police in Bengaluru yesterday.

The man was previously arrested on Sept. 12, 2023, by Kuvempunagar Police in Mysuru for a similar crime. However, he managed to secure bail the very next day and resumed his criminal activities, leading to his arrest in Bengaluru on Aug. 25, 2024.

The accused is Jameel Khan, 29, according to Jayanagar Police. He is a resident of Rajendra Nagar (Kesare), Mysuru.

Accused Jameel Khan

The Police reported that he faces eight cases of faking accidents and extorting money — one in Yelwal, two cases in Kuvempunagar under the Mysuru Police jurisdiction, two cases in Mandya (Krishna Raja Sagar and Srirangapatna) and three cases in Bengaluru (Jayanagar, Chamarajpet and Basavanagudi Police Station limits).

On June 14 this year, Jameel Khan approached Prasad Kuduva near Cool Joint in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, falsely alleging that Kuduva's car had grazed his scooter in Jayanagar 4th Block. Khan staged the incident, forcing Kuduva to transfer Rs. 30,000 online and provide Rs. 300 in cash before fleeing the scene.

Following Kuduva's complaint, the Police used CCTV footage and bank account details to track Jameel Khan. After monitoring his activities for over 20 days, they arrested him. Police revealed that Khan would stay in lodges and visit bars throughout the city, spending the extorted money until he found his next target.

MYSURU CASE OF 2023

On Sept. 2, 2023 in Mysuru, Jameel Khan targeted 70-year-old B.A. Devaiah, a retired Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police (ASI) and an ex-serviceman, driving a four-wheeler and then extorted money.

(See ARRESTED on page 6)

Devotees sleep on roads & open spaces around Nanjangud Temple

For years, devotees have been dropping letters in *Hundi* requesting the temple administration for basic amenities... but in vain

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (BCT)- The renowned Srikanteshwara Swami Temple in Nanjangud, often called the Temple Town or Dakshina Kashi, generates an annual revenue of more than Rs. 30 crore from devotees' offerings. Yet, the same devotees are left to sleep on roadsides and in the open area in front of the Temple.

The Temple's earnings are counted monthly and in July alone, the *Hundi* collection amounted to Rs. 1,12,92,056. Additionally, 51 grams and 380 milligrams of gold, 1.8 kg of silver and 40 foreign currency notes were deposited. In 2023, this Temple earned Rs. 30.73 crore.

Despite this wealth, devotees are forced to sleep outside the Temple 'Prakara,' which merges with the road, due to lack of basic amenities, including night shelters. The Temple also lacks sufficient washrooms.

(See DEVOTEES on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 26th August 2024

Art Karat Jewellery to unveil 'Lakshmi' Collection

Mysuru, Aug. 26- Art Karat Jewellery, celebrated for its artistic and hand-crafted masterpieces, will launch its newest collection, 'Lakshmi' at the upcoming exhibition on Aug. 27 and 28 at Hotel Southern Star in Mysuru.

The 'Lakshmi' Collection is a tribute to Goddess Lakshmi, the epitome of wealth, fortune and well-being. Each piece in this collection embodies the divine energy and opulence that Mahalakshmi temples across India symbolise. Inspired by the intricate carvings and the timeless beauty of Mahalakshmi temple architecture, the collection features jewellery that radiates the richness of India's cultural and spiritual heritage.

"Our Lakshmi Collection is designed to capture the essence of abundance and celebration that Goddess Lakshmi brings into our lives," said Asha Kamal Modi, the visionary designer behind Art Karat Jewellery.

The collection boasts a stunning array of necklaces, earrings, bangles and rings, each crafted with precision and care. The designs are enriched with semi-precious stones and set in pure silver, echoing the opulent and ornate details found in Mahalakshmi temples.

The 'Lakshmi' Collection is perfect for women who seek jewellery that not only enhances their beauty but also carries a deeper spiritual and cultural significance.

The gold-plated silver jewellery expo will be open from 11 am to 8 pm on both days.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE BIRTH OF LORD KRISHNA: ***The Supreme Being manifested on earth many times, it is His avatar as Rama and Krishna that are hailed as purna, punniya avatar as there was a stated purpose in each, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan in a discourse. In Rama avatar, He manifested to show how to lead a life of dharma. The purpose of Krishna avatar was to establish dharma and rid the earth of adharmic forces.***

Upon Earth's supplication to Brahma on the atrocities of the asuras on earth, he informed Her and the devas, "Bhagavan will be born on earth in the house of Vasudeva." He also ensures Vasudeva and Devaki, sister of the asura Kamsa, are married. When the newly weds leave for Vasudeva's place, Kamsa himself drives the chariot. However, an ethereal voice tells Kamsa that the eighth issue of Devaki would kill him. When Kamsa draws his sword to kill her, Vasudeva diplomatically offers a sacrifice whereby he will handover his newborns to Kamsa. Devaki delivers the eighth child, Mahavishnu, when Rohini star was ascendant, and stars shone clear in the sky and the couple blessed with His sight: Lotus-eyed, four-armed, sporting the conch, mace and other weapons; with the luminous; Srivatsa mark on the chest and the Kaustubha on his neck wearing a yellow silk cloth, bedecked with splendorous ornaments.

— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Banana-topped pizza puts Hawaiian pizza to shame

Stockholm: If you thought pineapple-topped Hawaiian pizza was a culinary crime, wait until you hear about Sweden's take on the Italian staple, a pie topped with curry, pineapple, and banana.

Sweden's fascination with bananas is well documented, but that doesn't really explain the culinary oddity known as Tropicana Pizza or simply Swedish Pizza. No one knows exactly who came up with the idea for this unusual pizza, but according to a 2017 tweet by the Curators of Sweden, an X (Twitter) account created by the Swedish Institute and Visit Sweden, Tropicana pizza was already known as the "most Swedish pizza there is".

For some reason, many Swedes find the combination of curry, pineapple and banana paired with the smoky, savoury flavour of smoked ham irresistible, making banana-topped pizza one of the most popular pizzas in Sweden.

'Indiana Jones' fedora sells for 6,30,000 dollars

Los Angeles: The famous fedora sported by Harrison Ford in 1984's Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom fetched the swashbuckling sum of 6,30,000 dollars at auction.

Memorabilia company Propstore said the heroic hat was among the more than 450 items up for bids in its US Entertainment Memorabilia Live Auction.

The hat was part of the personal collection of Dean Ferrandini, a stunt performer who also wore the hat while doubling for Ford in the film. Ferrandini died in 2023.

"This fedora was made specifically for the second instalment of Indiana Jones series and matches film shots and behind-the-scenes footage of Ford at the village in Sri Lanka," the auction listing stated.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Screening by Pap smear is best way to diagnose Cancer cervix at the earliest.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Three-day National Seminar on Fisheries from Sept. 25

Mysuru, Aug. 26- The Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Bengaluru, in association with the Union Government's National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad and the State Fisheries Department, will be conducting a three-day seminar on 'Blue Revolution for Sustainable Fisheries Development' from Sept. 25 to 27 at the Academy Office in Bengaluru.

The seminar features Research Paper presentation, for which the Academy has invited research papers from young scientists and research students and the best research papers selected will be awarded a cash prize. The interested research students, teaching faculty , young scientists, academic experts, fishery industry experts etc., can participate by applying through Google form *https://forms.gle/jAsgv6kGf6W34Lpa8*, before Sept.10.

For details, contact Mob: 96207-67819 or Ph: 080-29721550 or visit the Academy website *www.kstacademy.in*, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.72 feet**	Today's level **2,282.30 feet**	Today's level **2,858.14 feet**
Last year's level **102.22 feet**	Last year's level **2,274.76 feet**	Last year's level **2,857.90 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.72 feet**	Saturday's level **2,282.32 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,857.70 feet**
Today's Inflow **4,379 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **2,611 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **2,156 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,189 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **2,350 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **400 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Some crabs have teeth inside their stomachs.***
- ***Otters have the world's thickest coat.***
- ***Tiger's skin is striped–not just their fur.***
- ***The ocean Quahog Clam (Arctica islandica) is believed to be able to live for up to 500 years, making it one of the longest-lived animal species. While no known animal routinely reaches 1000 years, this clam comes closest, with one individual, nicknamed "Ming," estimated to have lived for 507 years.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

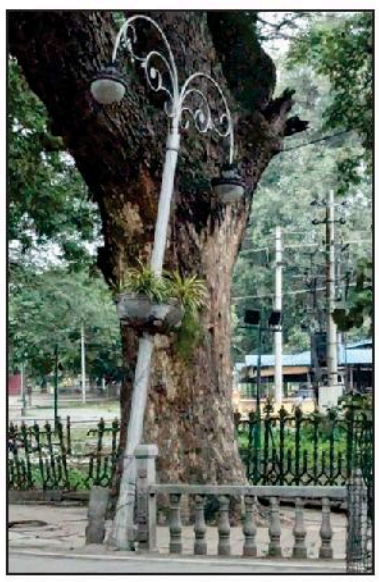
Radha: I haven't slept for many days.
Irene: Don't you feel tired?
Radha: No, I sleep at night!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.86
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 110.67
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.83
1 Euro	= Rs. 93.76

VOICE OF THE READER

Leaning lamp posts lurking danger!



Sir,

The road between Gun House and Hardinge Circle is a busy stretch, yet a lamp post and street light pole on this route are leaning precariously, almost to the point of falling.

Ironically, the ever-vigilant city Traffic Police are often stationed right next to this leaning pole, engrossed in their daily routine of checking vehicles. As we all know, our Traffic Police are adept at catching traffic offenders by hiding behind trees.

Perhaps they could make use of this leaning pole for the same purpose, while also safeguarding innocent road users from the potential danger it poses.

This pole is visibly leaning and could fall at any moment. Immediate attention is needed to prevent a potential accident.

—Dr. K. Jayanth
Mysuru
18.8.2024

Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali
Trust releases book on achievers

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar** (fourth from right), **who released a book on Ursu community achievers during Devaraj Urs birth anniversary celebration organised by Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust in city yesterday, seen with** (from left) **Trust Vice-Presidents H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs and Dr. M.G.R. Urs; Sri Varchasvi Srikanta Siddalinga Raje Urs; Sri Ashoka Rajendra Swamiji; Trust President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs; Honorary President M.L. Basavaraje Urs; Secretary Y.M. Kiran and Vice-President Dr. Indukala Urs.

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that Ursu community is a nano community with a low population of about 50,000 spread across the State, Sri Varchasvi Srikanta Siddalinga Raje Urs, Seer of Malavalli, Kappadi and Honnayakanahalli Mutts, has called upon the community members to keep in constant touch for the welfare and development of the community.

He was speaking after inaugurating D. Devaraj Urs birth anniversary celebration organised by Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust (KUMC Trust) and D. Devaraj Urs Endowment, Mysuru, at Venugopalaswamy temple premises on Tyagaraja Road in city here yesterday.

Pointing out that several Seers and elder citizens have been trying hard to bring together the community members who have spread across the State, the country and abroad, he said that the community members have established their own associations for various reasons.

Lauding the Trust for its efforts to bring together the community members since its establishment two years ago, the Seer said that Devaraj Urs, who became the Chief Minister of the State, made the entire country recognise the Urs community, through his tall stature and leadership qualities.

Stating that Devaraj Urs set up an endowment fund for helping the community students, he called upon the well-to-do community members to donate generously for this fund.

Regretting that the community was facing a communication gap, he called upon the members to connect with each other and work for the welfare of the community. He also called upon youths to utilise their energy for identifying and uniting community members.

Trust President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs, who also spoke, said that the community is taking every one along in progress and prosperity and that there should be no selfishness in what we do.

Trust Vice-President Dr. M.G.R. Urs urged the Government to honour Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar with Bharat Ratna posthumously.

Pointing out that D. Devaraj Urs Bhavan would come up in a half-acre area near Ramakrishnanagar Circle, for which the Government has sanctioned Rs.1.5 crore, he said that Rs.30 lakh has been released to Nirmiti Kendra for its construction.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar released a book on 'Community Achievers.'

Also, scholarship was distributed to eligible community students and Pratibha Puraskar presented to four meritorious students.

Sri Ashoka Rajendra Swamiji of Jangama Mutt, Mallinathapura in Mandya district, M.L. Basavaraje Urs, Honorary President of KUMC Trust, H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs , Vice-President and others were present.

City school students create individual world records

The student achievers of Purna Chetana School.

Mysuru, Aug. 26- In a first-of-its-kind, five students of a city school created five new individual world records under different categories and brought laurels to Mysuru with their hard work and dedication.

The five achievers are Mulukutla Mokshada, H.S. Mahesh Kumar, Pruthu P. Advaith, Toshan G. Rao and Asmi A. Bharadwaj, all studying in Purna Chetana School, Mysuru.

Mulukutla Mokshada, a grade VI student, created a world record by chanting all 18 chapters of Bhagavadgita in seven hours and four minutes which is a world record under the category of longest chanting marathon by an individual (minor - female).

H.S. Mahesh Kumar, a grade VII student, created a world record under the category of longest lecture series on Swami Vivekananda by an individual (minor - male) which lasted for 14 hours and 2 minutes.

Pruthu P. Advaith, a grade III student, set a new world under the category of most shlokas recited in 30 minutes by an individual (minor - male). He recited 150 shlokas in 30 minutes.

Toshan G. Rao, a grade IV student, created a world record under the category of the longest keyboard concert by an individual (minor - male) which lasted for 14 hours and 2 minutes.

Asmi A. Bharadwaj, a grade IV student, created a world record for the most assorted digital images identified while blindfolded by an individual (minor-female) in five minutes counted for 349.

All these records were Officially Certified by Elite World Records, Asian Records Academy, and India Records Academy, according to a press release from School Principal B. Priyanka.

FOND REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. PRAMILA IENGAR
Attained Lords Feet this day four years ago.

Always in our hearts
Husband Krishna Aiyangar,
Relatives and friends

NEWS BRIEFS

Philately Quiz and Scholarship

In order to promote the hobby of collection of stamps in school children, the Department of Posts is launching student scholarship under 'Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana' for the students studying in standards 6 to 9, who have scored more than 60 percent marks and are members of Philatelic Clubs. Selection for scholarship will be based on the performance in the Quiz Competition to be conducted the Department. Last date to register for quiz competition is Sept. 3. For details, visit: ***www.indiapost.gov.in*** or ***www.karnatakapost.gov.in***

Krishna Leelotsava

Sri Krishna Leelotsava and procession has been organised at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram tomorrow (Aug. 27) at 4.30 pm. Karnataka Mahila Yakshagana, Bengaluru, will present Yakshagana 'Sri Krishna Leele - Kamsavadhe' at 6.30 pm. [Ph: 0821-2544004]

Health Talk

As part of monthly series of Health Talk, Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has invited Dr. C.V. Sharath Kumar, noted super specialist in Sexology and Infertility, Mediwave Fertility Research Hospital, Mysuru, to deliver a lecture on how to maintain sound health and physique. The health talk will be held on Sept. 2 at 5 pm at the Council's Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana. Elder Citizens Council holds such Health Talks on first Monday of every month. [Mob: 99804-12406]

Financial aid for SC students

The Social Welfare Department has invited online applications from SC Community students who have passed Post-Matric courses such as PUC, Degree, MA, M.Com, M.Sc, MBA, MCA, MFA, Agricultural Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Sciences etc., (2023-24) with first class in first attempt, to avail financial assistance. Eligible students can apply through website: ***https://swdservices.karnataka.gov.in/***

Obituary

Rukmini Bai

Hunsur, Aug. 26- Rukmini Bai

(80), a resident of Ratnapuri village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

She leaves behind her son Tiles Krishna and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at her native place this noon.

MLC Vishwanath questions sale of Govt. land to JSW Steel

'CM Siddaramaiah demanded Rs. 62 crore for his 14 MUDA sites but sold 3,667 acres Govt. land for Rs. 52 crore'

Mysuru Aug. 26 (GA&BCT)- Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) A.H. Vishwanath has launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accusing him of demanding Rs. 62 crore for his 14 sites sanctioned by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) while selling the Government's fertile 3,667 acres of mining land to Jindal South West (JSW) Steel for a mere Rs. 52 crore.

Speaking at a press conference at Jaladarshini Guest House in Mysuru yesterday, Vishwanath revealed that the 3,667 acres of land, rich in valuable iron and minerals, was sold at a shockingly low rate of Rs. 1.20 lakh per acre. He further alleged that the land, with a yield of 62 percent best ores, was sold unilaterally to Jindal, describing the deal as a colossal undervaluation.

Vishwanath highlighted that a 2017 report from the Department of Survey and Land Records and the Law Department had recommended that the land's sale be based on the quantity of ore present.

Lack of transparency

However, he claimed that the Government bypassed this recommendation, leasing out the land arbitrarily to suit their convenience. He expressed concerns over the lack of transparency in determining the price, which has raised serious suspicions. He said that the issue should be placed before the Cabinet Joint Select Committee before taking any decision.

Vishwanath *Siddaramaiah*

"This anti-people policy will cost the State Exchequer crores of rupees," Vishwanath warned, questioning how it is justifiable for Siddaramaiah to demand Rs. 62 crore for 14 personal sites unlawfully acquired from MUDA while undervaluing fertile mining land at just Rs. 52 crore.

He urged that Government assets, being the people's assets, should not be sold off in haste and insisted that such decisions must be scrutinised by a Joint Select Committee. Vishwanath concluded that Siddaramaiah owes an explanation to the public.

Targets Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh

The controversy in MUDA has deepened with Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh allegedly arriving by helicopter to take away all files related to MUDA site distribution to alter the records. Vishwanath questioned why MUDA requires such heavy security.

He noted that MUDA needs Rs. 5 crore monthly just for salary expenses, and Rs. 10 crore has been spent in the past two months alone with no visible progress. He further criticised the creation of a One-Man Commission by Siddaramaiah to probe the MUDA scam, operating from Kumara Krupa Guest House in Bengaluru, which has already cost Rs. 1.5 crore for just a desk and chair.

Pro-Government writers

Vishwanath also demanded the release of the Kempaiah Commission Report, alleging that if made public, it would severely tarnish Siddaramaiah's reputation.

He took aim at the writers and littérateurs, who condemned the permission granted by the Governor for the prosecution of the CM, labelling them as Government-affiliated and under the administration's influence. He emphasised that true intellectuals should have the courage to call out wrongdoings without fear or favour.

More than 25,000 people to join 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (SBD&VNS)- More than 25,000 people will be taking part in the 'Raj Bhavan Chalo,' in protest against the Governor's permission to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in Bengaluru tomorrow (Aug. 27), said Karnataka Pradesh Kuruba Sanga Immediate Past State President B. Subramanya, here yesterday.

Speaking at the preliminary meeting at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, yesterday, he said that the protest has been jointly organised by Karnataka Shoshita Samudayagala Maha Okkuta and other Dalit, Backward Community, Adivasi, Minority and Alemari Associations. The members will arrive in Bengaluru from various parts of the State and assemble at the Freedom Park before marching towards Raj Bhavan.

Mandya Kuruba Sangha President Suresh, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Manasa, Nagabhushan, Chikkanna, Ananth and others were present.

Farmer jailed for Government land encroachment

T. Narasipur, Aug. 26- A Court has sentenced a farmer to one year imprisonment and also imposed a penalty of Rs. 5,500 on him for encroachment of Government land in T. Narasipur taluk of the district.

Mahadevappa, a farmer of Kurubur village in T. Narasipur taluk is the one who was convicted.

Mahadevappa and Kullappa were accused of encroaching 1.24 acre of Govt. Katte land coming under Survey No. 189 of Mugur in T. Narasipur, following which the Revenue Department officials, acting on a direction from T. Narasipur Tahsildar, had evacuated the encroached land. But still, Mahadevappa and Kullappa once again encroached the land and subsequently, the Revenue Inspector filed a complaint with T. Narasipur Police.

T. Narasipur Police, who registered a case against the two under Section 192(a) of The Karnataka Land Revenue Act,1964 and IPC Section 447, conducted investigation and submitted the charge-sheet in T. Narasipur JMFC Court.

The JMFC Court, which partially heard the case, later transferred the case to Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court. A Bench of the Special Court, comprising Justices Nagalingagouda Patil and K.H. Ashwathnarayana Gowda, who heard the case, dropped Kullappa from the case as he passed away in the course of hearing and held Mahadevappa guilty of the charges.

The Court sentenced Mahadevappa to one-year imprisonment and also imposed a penalty of Rs. 5,500 on him.

The Court also directed the authorities to evacuate the encroached land and submit the action taken report in this regard to the Court within 60 days.

Plea to adopt Salem Corporation method to control stray cattle

Memorandum submitted to MCC Commissioner

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (SPN&KS)- Members of Parisara Ulisi Samithi have urged Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff to adopt Tamil Nadu's Salem Corporation method to control stray cattle menace in city.

Samithi members also submitted a memorandum in this regard to the MCC Commissioner.

The Samithi members stated that the Salem Corporation officials issue warnings in public against letting stray cattle such as cow, buffalo and horse to roam freely on the roads following which the animals will be impounded and auctioned.

They have urged the MCC Commissioner to adopt the same method, implement it in city as it has become very difficult for pedestrians and motorists to move freely on roads due to stray cattle.

Pointing out that they do not oppose rearing of cows, Samithi members said that most of the people, who have cows, let them roam freely on roads disrupting traffic and hence strict action is needed to control this.

Samithi's Kiran and other members were present.

Gowri-Ganesha Festival

No place for Plaster of Paris idols: DC

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has issued a comprehensive set of guidelines for the public to follow during the Gowri-Ganesha festival, which will be celebrated on Sept. 6 and 7 in the district. Key among these guidelines is the immediate crackdown on individuals and organisations involved in the production and sale of Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. Licences will not be issued to such parties, and those selling PoP idols illegally without the necessary licences will face strict action.

The immersion of PoP idols and those painted with hazardous colours in rivers, canals, lakes, and wells is strictly prohibited. Violations will be subject to penalties under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 1860.

Residents are encouraged to use environmentally friendly clay idols, which should be immersed in water at home to prevent pollution of water bodies.

The festival should be observed in a simple and devotional manner, whether at temples or in public spaces owned by the government or private entities, with minimal public gatherings.

Ganesha pandals with a tradition of public celebrations must obtain prior permission from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) or local administration. Celebrations should ideally be organised at the ward or village level to foster unity.

Organisers of public events must designate nearby locations for idol immersion, such as ponds, mobile immersion tanks, or artificial tanks provided by MCC, District Administration, local bodies, or Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

The use of firecrackers is strongly discouraged due to the harmful smoke, excessive waste, and loud noise they generate, which can damage hearing. MCC garbage collection vehicles should be used to dispose of used garlands, paper plates, cups, and leaves instead of discarding them in drains.

Additionally, sound systems should not be used between 10 pm and 6 am. A strict ban on single-use plastic, including its production, stocking, distribution, and sale, has also been enforced. The relevant departments have been instructed to take action in accordance with the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2024.

Retired ISRO Scientist advocates science education in mother-tongue

Retired ISRO scientist Prof. V. Jagannath** (second from left) **seen watering a sapling during 'National Space Day' celebrations on Aug. 23 at KSOU auditorium in city as other dignitaries look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (SPN&TRR)- Retired Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist Prof. V. Jagannath emphasised the importance of providing students with the option to study science in their mother-tongue, drawing parallels with Japan, where students learn science in their native language.

He shared this perspective during 'National Space Day' event held at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) auditorium, commemorating the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on Aug. 23 with the theme "Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga."

"During a visit to Japan, I observed that students there study science in their mother-tongue. It is crucial that our students also have the choice and the necessary facilities to learn science in their own language," Prof. Jagannath stated and lauded KSOU as a hub of intellectuals, expressing his appreciation for the institution's initiative in organising Space Day.

"Research in space has revolutionised various aspects of our lives, bringing significant advancements in business, communication and daily routines. Our space programmes, including Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan have played a key role in these transformations," he added.

Prof. K.B. Praveen, Registrar, University of Mysore (UoM), who presided, highlighted the wonders of Outer Space and encouraged students to explore this field with enthusiasm, urging them to maintain a lifelong commitment to learning.

Also in attendance were UoM Registrar (Examination) Dr. H. Vishwanath, Finance Officer H.V. Shwetha, KSOU Physics Department Head S.V. Niranjan, Dr. Prithvirani, lecturers B.N. Amrut and R. Ravikumar.

City BJP seeks single-window system for festival approvals

A delegation of BJP City Unit submitting a memorandum to Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju on Friday.

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (SPN&BS)- The BJP City Unit has urged the District Administration to establish a single-window system for issuing permissions to install Gowri-Ganesha idols in public spaces. In a memorandum submitted to Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju on Friday, a delegation of City BJP leaders, led by General Secretary H.G. Giridhar, highlighted the challenges organisers face when seeking approvals from multiple Departments and agencies to celebrate the festival in public.

The delegation emphasised that it has been a long-standing tradition for various organisations and youth groups in the city to install Gowri-Ganesha idols on roadsides and in parks. To address administrative delays, they proposed a streamlined system that grants approval within 24 hours of application submission.

This would involve coordination between MCC, CESC, KSRTC, Police Department, Fire and Emergency Services Department and other relevant agencies.

The BJP City Unit also requested that children be exempt from obtaining permissions to organise the festival in public spaces. They expressed concerns that requiring children to seek approvals could discourage their participation in future religious events. At the very least, they demanded a simplification of the approval process.

City BJP Vice-President S.K. Dinesh, City BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, BJP Narasimharaja (NR) Constituency President 'Smart' Manju, BJP NR Yuva Morcha President Naveen Raj, leader Jogi Manju, and others were present during the memorandum submission.

Waste dump near V.V. Puram Police Station poses danger

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (KS)- Waste items, including survey poles, a wooden shelf and other debris, have been irresponsibly dumped on the footpath at the turning of the road right in front of V.V. Puram Police Station, creating a significant hazard for motorists.

Residents say the waste originated from a temporary shop set up on the footpath. Despite multiple pleas to remove the items, the authorities have failed to take action. This negligence recently led to an incident where a biker sustained injuries after a survey pole got entangled in the bike's wheel.

The public is urging the authorities concerned to remove the waste from footpath to ensure the safety of both motorists and pedestrians.

Jail or Resort ?!

Murder accused actor Darshan seen relaxing with cigarette and coffee in prison; Video call from prison goes viral

- Seven prison officials suspended
- Superintendent to be transferred

Bengaluru, Aug. 26 (Agencies)- Seven officials of Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in Bengaluru have been suspended following an investigation into a viral photograph and video showing Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa receiving what appears to be special treatment while in custody.

"The Police went there and investigated. Based on a preliminary inquiry, they have found seven officers involved in this and they have been suspended. Now we are investigating the matter further. It's a serious security lapse," said Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara this morning.

"I have spoken to the Directorate General (Prisons) and an investigation was launched. Senior officers, including the Prison Superintendent, will be transferred. At nearly 4.30 pm, I received information that Darshan, along with three others, were relaxing while having tea. I spoke to the DG (Prisons) and sent officials to the spot. An inquiry into the same was conducted by 1 am," he said.

The controversy began when a photograph of Darshan, who is currently in judicial custody at the Central Jail in connection with the Renukaswamy murder case, surfaced online. Darshan and 11 others were arrested in June this year in connection with the murder of Renukaswamy, a resident of Chitradurga.

The image shows the actor in a relaxed pose, sitting on a chair, holding a cigarette and a coffee cup, while in the company of three other individuals.

According to reports, those seen with Darshan include criminal Wilson Garden Naga, as well as Nagaraj, the actor's manager and co-accused and Kulla Seena, another inmate.

In addition, a video showing Darshan speaking to someone over a video call has also been circulated. The incident has triggered widespread criticism, with many expressing outrage over the preferential treatment given to Darshan.

Last year, Bengaluru Police imposed the Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Act, 2000, against Wilson Garden Naga following the murder of South Bengaluru gangster N. Mahesh alias Siddapura Mahesh.

Reacting to the viral photo and video, Renukaswamy's father Kashinath Shivannagoudar expressed his anguish about the ongoing investigation. "Though we trust the State Police, it is sad that the murder accused are enjoying it. We feel a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigation is needed," he added.

"Looking at the picture, I'm surprised to see him (Darshan) with others holding a cigarette and drinking tea. We doubt whether he is in jail or not. Jail should be a jail and should not become something else. He should be treated like other normal prisoners, but here it looks like he seems to be sitting in a resort," he added.

This is not the first time reports about "VIP treatment" to inmates at the Bengaluru Central Prison have emerged. The then AIADMK leader Sasikala also allegedly received special treatment inside the prison while serving her sentence in connection with a disproportionate assets case.

Devotees sleep on roads

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Women performing sacred rituals at the Kapila River bathing ghats face the indignity of having no proper facilities for changing clothes. There are also no provisions for clean drinking water or proper sanitation.

Families, including women, children and girls, flock to the Temple daily, with numbers doubling every Sunday night for a holy *darshan* on Monday morning, the 'Day of Shiva.' The crowds swell even further during Shivarathri and Dasara.

Despite the substantial revenue generated for the State Government from the *Hundi* collection, along with gold and silver offerings, the authorities have neglected to provide basic facilities for devotees. Women, children and young girls are forced to sleep on the ground in front of the Temple, under dim lights.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* S. Chandrashekhar, District Convener of Yuva Brigade, expressed concern over the situation.

"Women and children are the most vulnerable here. When the *Hundis* were opened in July this year, many letters were found, written by frustrated devotees seeking divine intervention for even basic amenities. In Nanjangud, there is a strong belief that writing to the deity can help solve their problems," he said.

Chandrashekhar further highlighted that some devotees had written in these 'Letters to the Lord' about being mistreated when staying in the Temple premises. "They reported being beaten with sticks by the Police, trampled with boots and forced to seek accommodation in lodges, which many cannot afford," he pointed out.

Notably, on Oct. 1, 2020, a girl child was abducted from a woman sleeping in the Temple premises. Fortunately, the Nanjangud Police arrested the man and safely returned the child to her mother.

A group of women devotees from Bengaluru, Maddur, Bannur and Channapatna shared their concerns with *Star of Mysore* during their visit to the Temple. **"We often come here, as Lord Srikanteshwara is our family deity, but there are no toilets, changing rooms or night shelters. There are no large halls or 'Chathra' for us to stay in, so we are forced to sleep on the road. The cold becomes unbearable after midnight and when it rains, we have no choice but to get soaked. When we bathe in the river, we are often subjected to men ogling at us,"** they rued.

Another devotee, who had brought her three children, added, "In places like Dharmasthala, there are proper arrangements. We're not asking for luxuries, just basic facilities. We can't sleep because we're worried our children might be stolen and mosquitoes constantly bite them. We have to stay awake to watch over them."

It may be mentioned here that *Star of Mysore* had published a news item titled ***'Letters to Lord seek facilities at Srikanteshwara Temple'*** on Aug. 8, 2024.

Mysuru man arrested in Bengaluru

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On that day, Devaiah was driving his car on Udayaravi Road in Kuvempunagar when he heard a sound. Accused Jameel, who had deliberately made the noise, began following Devaiah on his scooter. Jameel stopped Devaiah's car and falsely claimed that Devaiah had hit his bike, causing severe leg injuries to his friend. He demanded Rs. 40,000 for treatment and threatened to gather a crowd and assault Devaiah if the money was not paid.

Unable to provide the cash, Devaiah was coerced by Jameel into withdrawing the amount from an ATM. Despite several failed attempts due to a malfunctioning card, Jameel ultimately managed to obtain Rs. 40,000 from Devaiah. Kuvempunagar Police had arrested Jameel on Sept. 12 after Devaiah filed a complaint.

A water-tight case this time: Police

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (RK&BCT)- After Jameel Khan's arrest, the Jayanagar Police were surprised to discover that he is wanted in eight similar cases across Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru. They were further taken aback to find that he had secured bail in the Mysuru case within just one day.

"We have confirmed that he is a habitual offender and a threat to society. We monitored his activities for over 20 days before arresting him, ensuring we had electronic evidence. We also coordinated with the Mysuru Police to build a strong case to prevent him from obtaining bail this time," a Police officer from Jayanagar told *Star of Mysore.*

"We have also informed the Police IT division, which maintains the digitised records of all crime cases in Karnataka, about the accused. This ensures that his criminal activities are properly documented and integrated into the State's digital crime database, allowing for better tracking & coordination across different Police jurisdictions," they added.

EPS-95 pensioners hold meeting

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (DM)- A meeting of EPS-95 Pensioners from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Bengaluru districts was held at Sri Nataraja Bhavan here on Sunday.

Addressing the meeting, National Agitation Committee (NAC) National Secretary Manjunath Chintamani said that both the Centre and the EPFO have been cheating the EPS-95 pensioners. The national leaders are working out plans on providing pension out of our own money, he added.

NAC Legal Advisor Nanjundegowda, in his address, said that the EPFO has been cheating the pensioners by not working within the legal framework and also not implementing the SC order on EPS-95 pension.

Pointing out that this will be brought to the notice of the Government and the Court, he said that the pensioners will get additional pension soon.

NAC National Organiser Ramakant Nargund, in his address, said that the minimum pension to EPS-95 pensioners will soon be decided. A NAC team will soon visit Delhi for holding talks with the Centre in this regard, he added.

Vasu, Nagaraj of Sugar Federation, Manjunath of KSRTC, Subbanna, Shadakshari and others were present.

Winners of debate competition

Senior Photojournalist Pragathi Gopalakrishna lighting the lamp to inaugurate the debate competition at Rotary Centre in city yesterday as Prashant Raj, Sowmya Dinesh, Dinesh Coaching Centre Head Dinesh and debate competition judges Venkatachala, A.Vishwanath and Venkataramana Bhat look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 26- A District-level Inter-High School Kannada Debate Competition was organised by the city's Dinesh Coaching Centre at Ideal Jawa Rotary Centre here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating the competition, Senior Photojournalist Pragathi Gopalakrishna called upon the students to grab every opportunity that comes in their way. He highlighted the significance of taking part in competitions.

Students from more than 20 schools took part in the debate which was held on the topic 'Social media networks have been keeping people away from the society.'

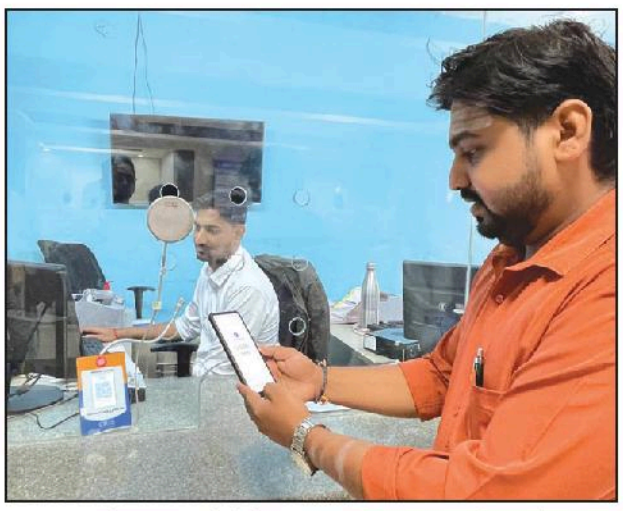
Prize Winners

First Prize (Rs. 5,000): Nadashri R. Bhat of B.M. Sri Vidyavardhaka School; **Second Prize (Rs. 4,000):** T.S. Srivibha of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala; **Third Prize (Rs. 3,000):** G. Anusha of Sharada Public School; **Consolation Prizes:** Y.D. Sinchana of Sharada Public School and K.P. Sushant Raj of DMS.

Sharada Public School bagged the Overall Trophy.

Dinesh Coaching Centre Head Dinesh welcomed the gathering. Prashant Raj compered.

SWR Mysuru unveils cutting-edge QR code-based ticketing system



- **Facility available at 94 Unreserved Ticketing System counters across 81 Railway Stations**
- **Twenty-five Automatic Ticket Vending Machines installed at 12 locations**

Mysuru, Aug. 26- The Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has unveiled a cutting-edge QR code-based ticketing system, revolutionising the way passengers purchase General Class tickets and platform tickets.

This innovative facility is now available at 94 Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters across 81 stations, offering a seamless and convenient experience.

By leveraging the QR code system, passengers can effortlessly make payments using their mobile wallets or UPI-enabled bank accounts, thereby eliminating the need for exact denomination.

Furthermore, 25 Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) have been strategically installed at 12 locations, enabling passengers to purchase unreserved journey tickets and platform tickets with ease.

To enhance the ticket booking experience, the QR code scan facility is also being piloted for Passenger Reservation System (PRS) ticket booking at four stations. This allows passengers to make payments via UPI apps and receive tickets after payment confirmation, streamlining the process.

This pioneering initiative is part of the Ministry of Railways' concerted efforts to augment passenger facilities and promote digital transactions. The QR code payment facility is now ubiquitous across all divisional shops, food plazas, Pay and Use toilets and parking lots, mitigating the need for loose change and rendering transactions more convenient.

In a press release today, SWR Mysuru Division's Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shilpi Agarwal has underscored the division's unwavering commitment to harnessing technology to elevate passenger experiences, with the QR code facility being a significant milestone.

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'Journalists should involve in sports to stay healthy'

Two-day MDJA Annual Sports Meet concludes

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (PM,VNS &KS)- Journalists, who work under pressure must make sometime to involve in sports activities to stay healthy both mentally and physically, said MLA G.D. Harish Gowda here yesterday.

Speaking at the valedictory of the two-day Annual Sports Meet organised by the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Oval Grounds in city yesterday, he said that journalists who are always on their toes in tracking local, State, National and International news, are bound to get stressed. However, they should spare sometime, get involved in the sports activities to keep themselves fit, he added.

Mountaineer Dr. Usha Hedge, who was felicitated on the occasion, said that cultivating sporting spirit was important for journalists who always work for the betterment of the society.

"At the age of 52 years, I decided to summit the Mount Everest which was possible through continuous effort and sporting spirit," said Dr. Usha Hegde, who urged journalists to develop sporting spirit.

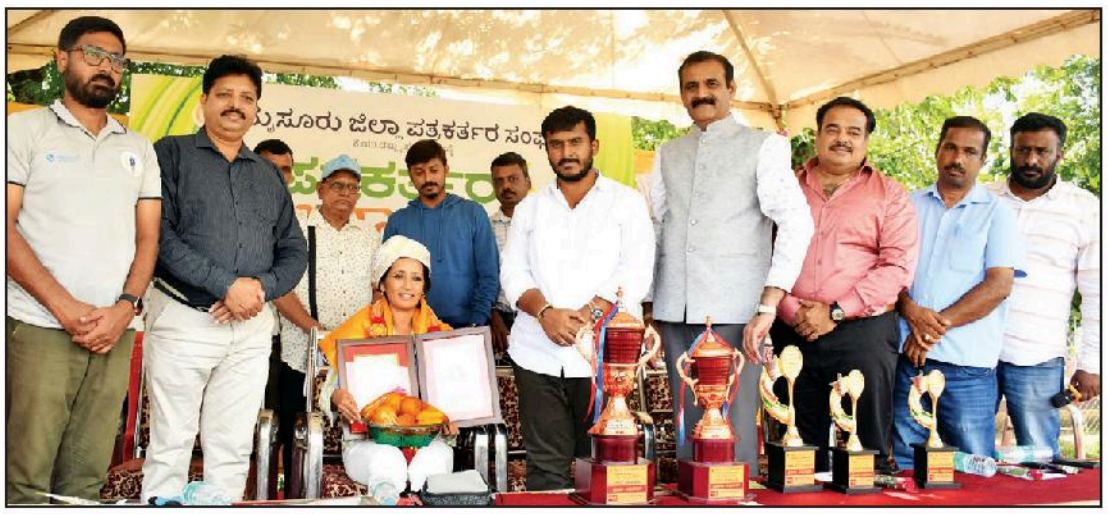
Earlier in the day, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurated the badminton tournament for journalist at University of Mysore Sports Pavilion. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, The Times Creations Founder Harish Kumar, Mysore Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, MDJA President K. Deepak and others were present during the valedictory.

On day one, H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, who inaugurated the MDJA Annual Sports Meet on Saturday, said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had provided land for the construction of new building for MDJA and added that the Journalists Association should take interest and ensure that the construction works are completed as early as possible to be inaugurated Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself.

International Swimmer S. Thanya, Mysore University Department of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh, Vidwath Innovative Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Founder Rohit M. Patil, APN Properties Managing Partner A.P. Nagesh, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak and MDJA office-bearers were present.

The two-day event witnessed journalists and their family members taking part in the various sports activities including cricket, lemon and spoon race, sack race, shot put, running races, kite flying, musical chair, ball in the bucket and badminton.

Journalists taking part in the sack race organised as a part of the two-day MDJA Annual Sports Meet-2024 at Oval Grounds in city yesterday.



Mountaineer Dr. Usha Hegde, who was felicitated during the valedictory of MDJA Annual Sports Meet-2024 at Oval Grounds in city yesterday, is seen with (from left) MDJA President K. Deepak, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, The Times Creations Founder Harish Kumar, MDJA General Secretary Dharmapura Narayana and journalist Hanagodu Mahesh.

KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20

L.R. Chethan powers Blasters to victory against Warriors

L.R. Chethan

Bengaluru, Aug. 26- Bengaluru Blasters registered their fifth victory as they overcame Mysore Warriors by 56 runs at the KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 cricket match held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here yesterday.

Earlier in the day, Bengaluru's L.R. Chethan set ablaze the stadium with an authoritative 88 runs in 53 balls, steering Bengaluru Blasters to 189/7 in 20 overs. The lack of partnerships for Mysore and a comprehensive bowling performance from Bengaluru, led by Shubhang Hedge (3/28), meant Mysore Warriors would face their fourth loss of the campaign.

Impact player, S.U. Karthik (26) opened Mysore's run chase with a cluster of boundaries. Karthik launched Santok Singh for a six and a four in the first over, followed by two sixes and a four in the third over. Karthik onslaught was derailed by a sensational catch from Shikhar Shetty, in Shubhang Hegde's first over.

Left arm pacer, Lavish Kaushal was amongst the wickets again as he picked up the crucial wickets of C.A. Karthik (17) and Karun Nair (13) in the sixth and eighth over respectively. Meanwhile, Samit Dravid (5) was cleaned up by Kranthi Kumar, leaving Mysore Warriors under pressure at 65/4 in 7.3 overs.

Harshil Dharmani (20) and J. Suchith (16) momentarily steadied the ship, constructing a 36-run alliance. However, Anirudha Joshi halted Mysore's recovery, picking up Dharmani and Manoj Bhandage (0), caught and bowled, in the 12th over.

Mysore's prospects dwindled further after Suchith was pinged on his pads by Shubhang Hegde, bringing Mysore to 104/7 in 12.4 overs. Sumit Kumar (18 not out) showed resilience as he remained unbeaten, but the tail was swiftly dismissed. Kranthi Kumar claimed the wickets of Gowtham Sagar (7) and Deepak Devadiga (0), while Shubhang Hegde removed K. Gowtham (3). Consequently, Mysore Warriors were bowled out for 133 in 17.5 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

Bengaluru Blasters: 189/7 in 20 overs (L.R. Chethan 88 runs, S. Rakshith 29, Suraj Ahuja 32, C.A. Karthik CA 3/33, K Gowtham 2/27) BEAT **Mysore Warriors:** 133/10 in 17.5 overs (S.U. Karthik 26, Harshil Dharmani 20 runs, Sumit Kumar 18 not out, Kranthi Kumar 3/18, Shubhang Hegde 3/28).

TODAY'S MATCHES (AUG. 26)

- **MANGALURU DRAGONS** VS **HUBLI TIGERS** — **3 PM**
- **BENGALURU BLASTERS** VS **GULBARGA MYSTICS** — **7 PM**

Venue: **M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru**

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Wayanad landslide tragedy

Fur and feather survivors seek their missing caretakers

SOM SPOT REPORT

Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav

Mysuru, Aug. 26 (MTY&TRR)- In the aftermath of the devastating landslides in Chooralmala and Mundakkai villages of Wayanad district, Kerala, the sight of domestic animals searching for their lost owners is enough to bring anyone to tears.

Even days after the disaster, these creatures roam the desolate landscape, haunted by the memories of those who once cared for them.

Animals and birds are often said to have an uncanny sense of impending natural disasters, fleeing to safety long before humans realise the danger. This belief has been tragically proven once again, as domestic animals escaped the destruction by seeking refuge in safer zones. Even wild animals ran towards safety as the mountains caved in unable to withstand the pressure of flowing water.

While the survival of domestic animals is a small solace, the heartbreaking scenes of these animals searching for their owners and caretakers are a powerful reminder of their deep bonds.

Wild animals flee before disaster

In the wildlife zones of Wayanad, including Punjari Mattam and Mundakkai, close to the forest borders, wild animals like elephants, tigers, deer and Indian Gaur were common before the landslides struck.

Survivors recall seeing these animals, sensing the impending doom, moving to higher ground. A video of a herd of elephants fleeing the disaster zone, filmed by locals just 12 hours before the tragedy, has since gone viral.

The footage shows the elephants, terrified and desperate, running for their lives despite the relentless rain. Wildlife experts believe these elephants had an instinctual awareness of the looming disaster, leading them to safety.

The villages themselves have been reduced to a muddy wasteland, with the landslides burying everything in their path. Yet, amid the destruction, some domestic animals — cattle, dogs, turkeys, and cats — have managed to survive.

Confused and disoriented

Though many were lost, either crushed by falling rocks or swept away by torrents of water, the resilient few that remain now wander, searching for their human companions. Buffaloes, confused and disoriented, roam the nearby tea estates, while surviving pets gather in front of the ruins of their homes, waiting for owners who will never return.

Local animal lovers have stepped in to care for these traumatised animals, offering them food and shelter in this time of unimaginable loss. The suffering of these silent survivors left alone in a world they no longer recognize, is a poignant testament to the power of nature and the enduring bond between humans and animals.

Despite the widespread devastation, no reports have emerged of forest animals perishing in the disaster. Forest Department personnel, wildlife protection officers and rescue teams scouring the landslide-hit areas have yet to find any dead wildlife, offering a glimmer of hope that the wild creatures managed to escape the worst of nature's fury.

In contrast, domestic animals, though battered and broken, cling to life, waiting for a familiar face, a gentle touch, in a world that has changed forever.

WORD OF THE DAY

Newfangled

Pronunciation: NOO-FANG-guld (Adjective)
Meaning: Newfangled describes something that has been recently invented or developed, and usually implies that this new thing is difficult for some to understand.
Origin: Newfangled is actually a pretty old word: it dates all the way back to the 15th century, having developed from the even older adjective newfangle. In its earliest documented uses, newfangled described a person who was fond of new fashions, ideas, etc. In current usage, the word typically—and often deprecatingly—describes anything that is new, hip, hot, or happening, such as cutting-edge technology or popular slang. Other times it is used with irony for something, such as rock music, that might have been new at one time but is hardly new anymore.
Example: "This important historical preservation work is as good an excuse as any to remember a time when toy companies were still figuring out how to convince the public that Nintendo's newfangled portable games were something that could fit into their everyday life." — Kyle Orland, Ars Technica, 13 June 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Aliferous
Having wings.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wouldn't be caught dead

Meaning: The phrase 'Wouldn't be caught dead' is used to say that you really don't like something or wouldn't want to be seen in that situation.
Origin: The 'illogic' behind this phrase is part of the appeal. As if dead people really care about likes or dislikes.
Example: "He is very conscious of his public image and wouldn't be caught dead doing anything that might batter his image."

QUOTE BOX

People are not disturbed by things, but by the view they take of them.

—Epictetus

RIDDLE THIS

Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

Answer: Nothing.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Kind of gin
5 Friend or ___ : sentry's call?
8 Valuable green stuff
12 Handle roughly
13 Required Time of Arrival
14 Mountain range
15 Palindromic German
16 Go off straight & narrow path
17 Rostrum
18 Elongated fish
19 Accommodative and compliant?
21 Stereo component
23 Mormons gp.
24 Keen in sense perception, discerning
28 Breakfast staple
31 Highest point
32 Small carpet
33 Bone of the forearm
34 Aliens?
35 Venomous
37 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
38 Clamour
39 Plundered
44 US soldiers
47 Marne mine
48 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
49 Poet Teasdale
50 Columbus' ship
51 _ __ zed : alpha to omega (1,2)
52 All male party
53 Arabian gulf
54 Early morning moisture
55 "Erne" anagram for a French man

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

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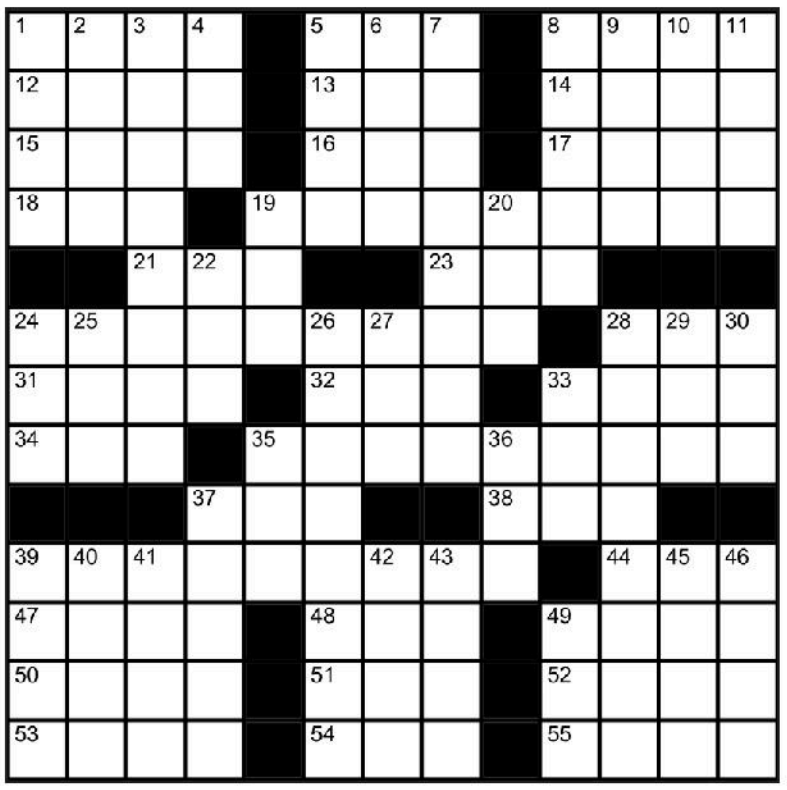
DOWN
1 Polluted air
2 Our lady with golden voice
3 Offends grossly
4 "Rockaria!" band
5 Basset hound of comic strips
6 Other abroad
7 Sound mufflers
8 Biblical traitor
9 Arafat, for example
10 Irish parliament
11 Not this - "see" anagram?
19 Headache tablet
20 Tax deducted at source, in short
22 To the ___ (fully)
24 Self addressed envelope, in short
25 Fitting
26 Armoured or stringent?
27 Yes for the Parisian
28 Stretch
29 African antelope
30 Petrol in the U.S.
33 One as a prefix
35 School initials
36 Strange
37 Pertaining to our continent
39 Rajput king ___ Pratap
40 Surrounded by
41 No people, no things
42 Wind toy
43 Enough in old English?
45 Persia today
46 Wise person
49 Russian letters



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Answer to previous puzzle

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7	1	9	4	2	3	6	5	8
4	5	2	6	7	8	9	3	1
6	3	8	9	1	5	2	7	4
3	7	1	8	9	2	4	6	5
9	8	6	5	4	1	3	2	7
2	4	5	7	3	6	1	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IX ZY YZS SNSL OYYB LQABA, JQMGSFIZTSFY

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TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS N

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NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Mahadeshwara Theatre — **Mob: 99008-20093**
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Woodlands Theatre — **Ph: 2422871**
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre — **Mob: 98454-14691**
Taj (K) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre — **Mob: 98863-25207**
Bheema (K) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre — **Ph: 2520494**
Bheema (K) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre — **Ph: 2443568**
Powder (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre — **Ph: 2420885**
Stree 2- Sarkate Ka Aatank (H) - 2 shows; *Mr. Bachchan (Te)* - 2 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre — **Ph: 2452958**
Stree 2 - Sarkate Ka Aatank (H) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre — **Ph: 2521923**
Mr. Bachchan (Te) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre — **Ph: 2423554**
Thangalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Harold & The Purple Crayon (E)	(S-1)	11 am; (S-2) 2.10 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Stree-2 (H)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 4.10 pm
Powder (K)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Vaazha Biopic of a Billion Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Alien Romulus (E)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 4.50 pm, 7.30 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-3)	10 pm; (S-4) 1.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.50 am
Powder (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 4.20 pm
Footage (Ma)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	(S-1)	9.25 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-2)	12.25 am, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am
Bheema (K)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aathank (H)	(S-3)	10 am, 12.50 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Hunt (Ma)	(S-3)	9.40 pm; (S-4) 4.20 pm

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Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	9.05am, 9.35am, 10.20am, 12.15pm 12.45 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.20 pm 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 6.35, 10.30 pm
Alien: Romulus (E)	:	10.05 am, 1.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Harold & The Purple Crayon (E)	:	11 am, 4.25 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.45 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Powder (K)	:	12.45 pm, 6.40 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
It Ends With Us (E)	:	3.25 pm
Palum Pazhavum (Ma)	:	3.35 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	4.10 pm
Footage (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Demonte Colony 2 (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

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Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.30 pm, 4 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Alien: Romulus (E)	:	10 am, 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Bheema (K)	:	10 am, 3.55 pm, 10.15 pm
Powder (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.25 pm
Kottukkaali (Ta)	:	1.20 pm
Maruthi Nagar Subramanyam (Te)	:	6.25 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 26)

Sri Gita Pracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Gita Mandira): Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Abhisheka, Alankara, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Bhajans by Sri Sai Pranati Seva Trust, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm;** Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by Sri Vidya Vishnu Sabha Trust, **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm;** Go Puja, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Gita Mandira, Ashoka Road, 33rd East Cross, Sri Gita Mandira Road, **8.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Vasudev Maharaj Foundation: 18th Aradhana Mahotsava, conferring of 'Sri Vasudev Maharaj Sadbhavana Award' on Dr. C. Sharath Kumar of Mediwave IVF and Fertility Research Hospital in the city and Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois, President of Sandhya Suraksha Trust; Chandravana Ashram Seer Dr. Sri Trinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji inaugurates the programme, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Flute Concert by Vid. Vinayak Honnavar, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru: 'Vachana-Shravana: Mane Manege Sharana Sandesha,' lecture by Prof. D.S. Sadashivamurthy (retd. Professor, Devanur JSS Degree College), residence of Sowmya Sougandha, No. 14, Dodmane, Main Road, Netajinagar, **5.30 pm.**

Naatya's - Academy of Performing Arts: Krishna Janmashtami, Cute Radhe - Cute Krishna Fancy Dress Competition, B.M. Habitat Mall, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, morning; Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. K. Anantharamu delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi Dharitri Anandarao (Mysuru), Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON): Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Mahabhisheka to Sri Krishna Balarama, **10 pm onwards;** Mahamangalarati & Sankirtana, ISKCON, 18th Cross, Jayanagar, **12 midnight.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 27)

Department of Studies (DoS) in Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM), Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Hanns Seidel Foundation India and GSS Projects: International Youth Day celebrations, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **9 am to 5 pm;** MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates in the presence of UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and other dignitaries, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

Urs Mahila Jagruti Sabha: Radha-Krishna Costume Show for kids, Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 96634-82564]

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike: 'Vachana-Shravana: Mane Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' lecture by columnist Bannur K. Raju, JSS Women's Hostel, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Directorate, Bengaluru: Valedictory of 'Sanchalana Yuvaranga Training Camp -2024,' Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur, Kannada & Culture Dept. Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and theatre director Digvijaya Heggodu will be present, Sanchalana President Deepka Mysore presides, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Citra Turaga Nyaya Arthat Keertiya Avantara,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Powder (K)	:	10.50 am, 4.10 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.25 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Hunt (Ma)	:	4.20 pm
Vaazhai (Ta)	:	6.55 pm

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Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Alien: Romulus (E)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Harold & the Purple Crayon (E)	:	10 am, 5.20 pm
C (K)	:	12.10 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.40 pm, 7.20 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	1.15 pm
Footage (Ma)	:	2.35 pm
Powder (K)	:	4.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Palum Pazhavum (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Ph.D awardees of Mysore Varsity

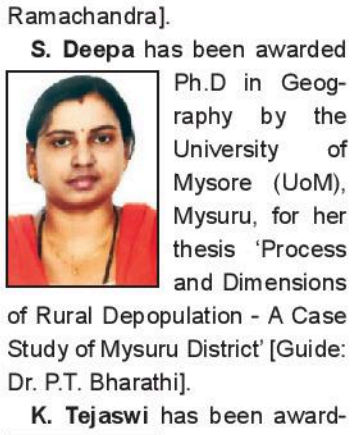
Mysuru, Aug. 26- **S.M. Goutham Konikar** has been awarded Ph.D in Urban and Regional Planning by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Comprehensive Mobility Plan for an Emerging Metropolitan City: Mysuru' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.N. Nagendra.

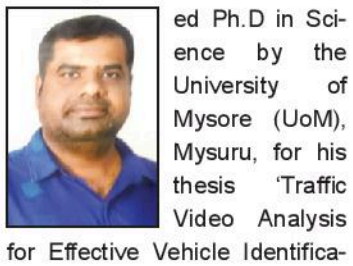
L.M. Thimmaiah has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Impact of MGNREGA on Socio-Economic Upliftment of the Weaker Sections in Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. S.T. Ramachandra].

S. Deepa has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Process and Dimensions of Rural Depopulation - A Case Study of Mysuru District' [Guide: Dr. P.T. Bharathi].

K. Tejaswi has been awarded Ph.D in Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Traffic Video Analysis for Effective Vehicle Identification and Classification' [Guide: Dr. R.K. Bharathi].

Rekha has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Feminisation of Agricultural Labour and Women Empowerment in Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. H.R. Uma].





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